GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CENTRAL AID FOR COLD STORAGES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra has been deprived of Central aid for cold storages and other schemes for the last six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is likely to be released?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. The Government of India, through National Horticulture Board (NHB), is providing financial assistance for establishment of cold storages in the country including Maharashtra. NHB through its scheme, `Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce' has sanctioned Rs.424.14 lakhs as back-ended capital investment subsidy for 19 cold storage projects in the State of Maharashtra during the year 2002-03. Out of this, Rs.294.14 lakhs have been sanctioned for 14 cold storage projects in Maharashtra during the period 01-08-2002 to till date. The Scheme is demand based.

Also, under other Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, an allocation of Rs.98.84 crores has been made for the State of Maharashtra for the year 2002-03. Out of this, Rs.75.44 crores has already been released to the State.